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THOUGHTS humbly offered to the CONSIDERATION of the PUBLICK.

THE just and necessary war we are engaged in, has for its object the most desirable thing in nature; for the attainment of which, we should count no sacrifice too dear. But although the immediate, unavoidable inconveniencies of it ought to be supported with chearfulness, when we look forward to the *glorious reward*, yet certainly, as the advantages we hope to reap (and which, like a harvest home, we may now almost be in to enjoy) are equal, (*or ought also to be the burdens.* The great representative of these United States have avowed this principle, and for any thing I can point out to the contrary, have adhered to it too, in their distribution of the publick taxes and expences among the several states. And so far, all is well. But here, their province ends; after assigning to each state its due contingent, the equal subdivision of such contingent among the several individuals of any state, is the work of another hand; and till that be done, the task of justice is far from being completed. This leads me to take notice of two acts of Assembly passed in this state by the present representatives of the people; one in their session which commenced the third day of May last; the other, in that which commenced the fourth of last October; the former entitled, "*An act for laying a tax payable in certain enumerated commodities*"—the latter, "*An act for raising a supply of money for the service of the United States*"—both of which I humbly conceive to be subversive of our principle of equality.

With *respect* to the first in order—Can it be thought an equal taxation, to throw almost the whole burden upon the possessors of slaves? I ask, Can this be thought equal by any one who is informed that some considerable parts of this country have few or no slaves? Those counties, indeed, abound more in citizens; and the act, it is true, imposes the same tax on them, as on slaves—but there is this difference worth considering, that of the former, the male sex only; of the latter, both sexes are the subjects of taxation. I have understood that this act is complained of by some, upon other grounds; but, as I take much greater pleasure in approbation than in censure, I must say, that let the difficulties attending the collection of this *kind* of tax be what they may, nothing ought to deter us from making an experiment of a *mode* of taxation, which appears to be the only one adapted, in our present situation, to the immediate exigencies of the publick. But if the act under our consideration cannot be acquitted of the partiality I have here laid to its charge, it may at least be said of it, that in *comparison* with the other, which I am now going to observe upon, it is the perfect model of justice. For although it exempt about one half of the free inhabitants above sixteen years old, the other half not only pay the *same tax* by the poll, but they pay it too at the *same age*, at which it is due for slaves; in both which respects, this act stands infinitely fairer, in my eye, than the act of the last session; which, not content with the inequality objected to the other, has ventured so much farther, as to lay an imposition of *one third more*, by the poll, upon slaves than upon free men; and laye it too upon *all slaves, indiscriminately*; whereas the tax it imposes on free men is *restricted* to such as may be *above the age of twenty one years*. There is, indeed, in one respect, a *show* of justice under this head, in this; that the white servants (except apprentices under the age of twenty one years) are *generally* taxed without distinction of age; and [illegible] country they [illegible] to contribute his publick aid [illegible] all censure; and if so, I will not be so much his foe, as not to acknowledge his praise, and exercise my candour. But having only my present views to direct me, I would humbly propose to my countrymen, that if their sentiments should concur with mine on this important subject, they would carefully recall it to their memories at the next election of representatives, and not only convey to the persons of their choice proper instructions on this head, but in making their choice have a special regard, not only to the ability and integrity of the candidates, but also to their professing an interest separate from that of the electors.

I shall on all times be ready to make an apology for any mistake I may have fallen into—I hope none will be expected for the freedom I take in expressing my sentiments on so great a subject. I would with always to respect our representatives, most profoundly—but I would with also never to forget, that they are no more than the most honourable *servants* of the people, who have an undoubted right to examine into their conduct in the execution of the trust they have reposed in them, and who never will lose their liberties, till an apology shall be thought necessary to be made for their freest animadversions.

A FREE-HOLDER.

JUST imported and to be SOLD by the Subscriber at his Store, in this City,

A LARGE assortment of BOOKS, in different languages and sciences, amusing and instructive; a catalogue of which may be seen at the place of sale. Also writing paper, blank books, watch glasses and crystals, sealing wax, *Anderson's* and *Keyser's* pills, *Hamond's* antimonial elixir, and specifick pills, moco shoes, *Scotch* snuff, and best indigo, &c. &c.

(1) ROBERT NICOLSON.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 1, 1780.

To be LET for the term of 3 years.

THE house and part of the land wherein the subscriber lives, at the *Meadow* bridges, *Hanover* county. The dwelling-house is large and commodious, having 5 rooms and a passage on a floor, and so constructed as to answer exceeding well for a publick house, a large kitchen with two rooms on a floor, a cellar under one of the rooms with a fire place, dairy, smoke-house, a large and convenient stable, barns, quarters, and every other necessary house, and a well paled in garden and yard; all the houses new and in good repair. There will be meant to the house, about 30 acres of reclaimed low grounds, all well ditched, a clover meadow of about 6 or 8 acres, which will produce a large quantity of hay, large and extensive pastures, and fine orchards. The situation of this place is allowed by good judges to be one of the best stands in the state for a publick-house, being 9 miles from *Richmond*, 15 from *Hanover* court-house, 12 from *Hanover* town, and the same distance from *Newcastle*; all of which roads lead by the door. A publican would derive great advantage from Gentlemens horses in publick time, as the seat of government. This seat would be convenient for a Gentleman with a family in the merchantile way, whom I could accommodate with a large brick store-house and lumber houses in a conspicuous part of the town of *Richmond*. Immediate possession may be had. If [illegible] is not rented in a few weeks, I propose to open a publick-house myself, of which the publick will be further informed. Nothing but tobacco will be taken in payment. 1 D. TRUEHEART.

BASSATERRE, *Dec.* 1.

WE learn that the Greyhound privateer fell in with and engaged, off St. Eustatia, a French [illegible] (the said sloop was formerly commanded by Capt. Reed, and called the [illegible]) and after a severe conflict of near an hour and a half, and in which, by all appearances, the Frenchman was greatly severely handled, and the Greyhound having her Captain and four or five men wounded, and receiving some other damage, they both sheered off, and the Greyhound arrived here yesterday morning.

PHILADELPHIA, *Feb.* 15.

CAPTAIN Lather in the privateer [illegible] Walker, of and from leaving this port, has taken a privateer schooner of ten carriage guns and eight men; also a sloop bound to Jamaica in ballast, and a sloop loaded with rum and sugar. The two former are sent to Guadaloupe, and the latter for this port.

Extract of a letter from St. Eustatia, Jan. 28, 1780.

"We have no particular news more than a few days past the English fleet, under Admiral Parker, fell in with a French fleet of merchantmen from Marseilles, bound for Martinique, and took and destroyed, it is said, upwards of 13 sail. This happened about 20 days past. It is also reported they have since taken 2 or 3 French [illegible] Admiral Rodney is momently expected with [illegible] from England."

A letter from St. Eustatia, *dated Jan.* 29, [illegible] received advices from Liverpool, which mentioned that Ireland has made a demand of a free trade with the world, and, if not complied with, they [illegible] some good time to relinquish a revolution, and [illegible] entirely independent from out of the ruins of the British empire. How far this may be relied on I cannot pretend to say, but it is generally believed in the British islands that such an event will take place [illegible]

A fleet of the British fleet when they sailed from [illegible] the 20th of October, 1779, under the command of Sir Charles Hardy, viz. thirty seven sail of the line only.

On Tuesday the 15th at night a few of the inhabitants of Hackney made an encroachment to steem themselves [illegible] Captain and seven loyal in-

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WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 4.

THE KING'S SPEECH, of the 12th of November, to both HOUSES of PARLIAMENT, received by a vessel in a short passage from the seat of war.

My LORDS *and* GENTLEMEN,

I MEET you in Parliament at a time when we are called upon by every principle of duty, and every consideration of interest, to exert our united efforts in the support and defence of our country; attacked by an unjust and unprovoked war, and contending with several the most dangerous confederacies that ever were formed against the Crown and people of Great Britain.

The designs and attempts of our enemies to invade this kingdom, have, by the blessing of Providence, been hitherto frustrated and disappointed. They still continue us with great armaments and preparations, but we are, I trust, on our part, well prepared to resist every attack, and repel every insult. I know the disposition of my brave people. The menaces of their enemies, and the approach of danger, have no other effect on their minds, but to animate their courage, and to call forth their national spirit which has so often attended and defeated the projects of ambition and injustice, and enabled the British fleets and armies to protect their own country, to protect their own rights, and at the same time to uphold and preserve the liberties of Europe from the ruthless and encroaching power of the House of Bourbon. In the midst of my care and solicitude for the safety and welfare of this country, I have not been inattentive to the state of my loyal and faithful kingdom of Ireland. I have, in consequence of your address presented to me in the last session, ordered such papers to be collected and laid before you, as may aid your deliberations on this important business; and I recommend it to you to consider what further benefits and advantages may be intended to that kingdom, by such regulations, and such methods as may most effectually promote the common strength, wealth, and interests of all my dominions.

GENTLEMEN *of the* HOUSE *of* COMMONS,

The proper estimates shall in due time be laid before you. I like with extreme concern, that the necessary establishments of my naval and military forces, and the various service and operations of the ensuing year must inevitably be attended with great and heavy expences; but I rely on your wisdom and publick spirit for such supplies as the circumstances and exigencies of our affairs shall be found to require.

My LORDS *and* GENTLEMEN,

I have great [illegible] in renewing the assurance of my entire [illegible] of the good conduct and discipline of the militia, and of their steady perseverance in their duty. And I return my cordial thanks, to all ranks of my loyal subjects, who have stood forth in this arduous conjuncture, and by their zeal, their influence, and their personal service, have given confidence, as well as strength, to the national defence. Trusting in the DIVINE PROVIDENCE, and in the justice of my cause, I am firmly resolved to prosecute the war with vigour, and to make every exertion in order to compel our enemies to listen to reasonable terms of peace and accommodation.

The Polly Lorimer, from St. Eustatia, is arrived at Urbanna, laden with rum, sugar, indigo, &c.

DEATH.] Mrs. SARAH PEARCE, of Hanover, in an advanced age.

The publick are desired to take notice, that the first of this month was the day appointed by the Assembly for taking an account of their money on hand.

☞ No letters will be taken out of the post-office by the printer hereof, unless the postage is paid.

*** *The rolls of the last session of Assembly are ready to be delivered whenever called for.*

The following stanzas were originally intended as a song, in commemoration of the glorious victory obtained by General Washington over the British forces at Princeton, on the morning of the third of January, 1777. The variety of ideas which flowed from so copious a subject insensibly spun them out beyond the ordinary length of compositions of that nature. They are however offered to the publick, with a view to revive (if necessary) the recollection of that important event; the benefits resulting from which have been, and will continue to be, felt by every friend to the liberties of America, even to latest posterity.

STERN winter stood'd along the plain,
And ruthless horror urg'd amain,
His fierce, impetuous scowl
In ice the liquid rivulets bound,
The torrent's foaming rage confound,
And clasp it's half-form'd flood.

While hostile bands their rights invade,
Columbia's fons in arms are laid,
And winter's blasts defy'd:
No fears appal, no dangers fright,
While freedom's sacred cause they fight,
And WASHINGTON's their guide.

While *Slumber* seal'd the hero's eyes,
He saw a god-like form arise,
Like martial Pallas dreft;
'Twas liberty, celestial maid!
In all her golden charms array'd,
The goddess stood confest.

"My son, she cried, the Gods above,
Thy country's sacred cause approve,
And on thy virtues smile:
Tho' proud oppression wake the land,
Yet freedom, purchas'd by thy hand,
Shall soon reward the toil.

"Lo! where *Britannia's* banners rise,
In awful pomp, and brave the skies,
Exulting o'er the land!
Her haughty legions, soon, shall feel,
The force of thine avenging steel,
And this, thy chosen band.

"Tho' veterans compose their train,
And ten-fold numbers fill the plain,
To martial deeds inur'd:
Undaunted, rise, and take the field,
For liberty shall lend her shield,
And victory her sword."

Up rose the Chief, at the command,
And strait conven'd his faithful band,
Inspir'd by freedom's lore:
Egyptian darkness yield the night;
But liberty's celestial light,
Their footsteps went before.

Before the banish'd muse's feet,
In arms the hostile legions met;
And fate upheld the scales:
Forth ruth'd the flaming God of light,
Whose radiance crown'd the glorious fight,
While freedoms sons exhale.

Like mars, Columbia's heroe stood,
Her haughty foes were drench'd in blood,
Or shun'd the doubtful fight:
While Britons shame and grief confest,
Fair liberty the victors crown'd,
With honours ever bright.

† Henceforth, the grateful morr[illegible]
Her annual breathe, at freedom's shrine,
The heroe's brow to grace:
By wholly victorious arm refist'd,
No more the lies the hostile sword;
But hails her ancient peace.

And, still, with the revolving year,
A garland shall the muse prepare,
To deck her Mercer's urn:
While freedom fills the trump of fame,
Columbia shall revere his name,
His fate his sons shall mourn.

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* Every American will remember that the attack was made, near Princeton college, by the American army, just as the sun rose, after a march of fourteen miles, in a most tempestuous night at that inclement season of the year.

† The subject combines with the preceding stanza. The two last were added with a view of hinting to the Governors and visitors of the several colleges in America, that the institution of an annual prize poem, to be composed on this subject, would be the most probable means of producing, at some future day, a poem not inferior to the Iliad. An institution of this kind, perhaps, would be adopted with singular propriety at Princeton college, which was on that day, rescued from the British soldiery, by whom it was occupied as a barrack.

‡ This tribute is certainly due to the memory of the gallant General Mercer who fell three days, with circumstances attending his fate which must ever fully the laurels of the British arms.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Feb.* 26, 1780.

THE Visitors of the college of William & Mary are desired to meet on Monday the 27th day of March next, being the charter-day; and as business of an unusual and very important nature, will then offer for their consideration, it is earnestly requested that Gentlemen would make a point of attending, that the convocation may be as full as possible.

(2) JOHN BLAIR, Rector.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, for ready money, on Thursday the 13th of April next, on the premises,

THE following tracts of LAND, and one negro man, late the property of *John Goodrich*. One tract containing about 300 acres, with good buildings, pleasantly situated on *Nansemond* river, about 6 miles below *Suffolk* town, and very convenient to fish and oysters. One other tract containing about 450 acres, situated on the head of *Bennet's* creek, with a dwelling-house and some other necessary houses. One other tract containing about 200 acres, chiefly wood land, about 6 miles below the town of *Suffolk*. Also will be sold, on *Friday* the 14th day of *April*, on the premises, *for ready money*, a tract of land, late the property of *Richard Markey*, pleasantly situated at the place known by *Nansemond* town, containing about 40 acres, with a good dwelling-house, and other necessary houses. Also will be sold, on the premises, *for ready money*, on *Saturday* the 15th of next *April*, in the town of *Suffolk*, 6 half acre lots of land, and two negro men, late the property of *James Gibbs*, *Samuel Donaldson*, and company.

(4f) HENRY RIDDICK, Esq.

NANSEMOND county, *March* 6, 1780.

FOR SALE, near NORFOLK,

A VESSEL, built on the fast sailing plan, 64 feet keel, 24½ feet beam, 10 feet deep, and is by good judges thought to be a fine vessel. The terms may be known by applying to the subscribers.

21 BASSETT & ALEXANDER MOSELEY.

NORFOLK, *February* 25, 1780.

CARELESS

WILL stand at *Taylor's*, lately *Magans's* ordinary, in *Amherst* county, to cover mares at the rate of 200 weight of crop tobacco for each mare, or an equivalent in cash, or any of the country produce, such as corn, or any other kind of grain; hemp, flax, or cotton, at the market prices. I am well provided with pasturage, but having been at considerable trouble and expense in raising, I cannot afford it *gratis*. Every Gentlemen who entrusts mares to my care (although I will not be answerable for thefts or escapes) may be assured of their meeting with good treatment, and must expect to pay me at the rate of half a bushel of corn a week, or the worth of it in cash. Those Gentlemen who put mares, I expect will pay by the expiration of the season, otherwise they must be liable for any damage I may sustain by the fall of the price of tobacco. *Careless* is a beautiful figure and colour, 15 hands an inch and a half high, as sprightly a horse as any in the state, and his colts inferiour to none. He was bred by the late Col. *John Baylor* of *Caroline*, and got by his horse *Fearnought* upon a full bred *Whitelegton* mare.

(†) DANIEL GAINES.

To be SOLD, pursuant to the last will and testament of Col. John Wilson, *deceased, of* Norfolk *county, at the* North West *landing, for ready money, on the* 20th *instant* (March)

TWENTY FIVE likely young *Virginia* born slaves, some sheep, cattle, horses, and plantation utensils; also household and kitchen furniture.

☞ All persons who are indebted to the said estate, are desired to make immediate payment; and those who have claims against the same, are requested to send their accounts by the day of sale, properly attested, to (2§) THE EXECUTORS.

For ready MONEY or short CREDIT,

I WILL sell a valuable plantation in the county of *Norfolk*, containing 200 acres of land, by an old survey, with exceeding good buildings thereon, situated on the mouth of the *Western* branch, known by the name of *Pinner's point*. Any person inclinable to purchase, may know the price by applying to me in *Williamsburg*. (2§) JOHN BOUSH.

YORK, *Feb.* 28, 1780.

THOSE who have any demands against me as Quarter Master to this garrison, are desired to bring in their accounts and receive payment. I will not be answerable for any claims brought after the 30th of next month. (2) W. MITCHELL.

JAMES CITY county, *March* 3, 1780.

ALL persons indebted to the estate devised to Mr. *Richard Sherman* of *Great Britain*, by the late Mr. *John Sherman* of this state, are desired to make speedy payment, the money being wanted for the use of the commonwealth.

(2§) DUDLEY RICHARDSON, Trustee.

ALL persons having any just claims against the estate of Mr. *John Frederick Baker*, late of *York* town, deceased, are desired to make them known immediately to the widow, that provision may be made for payment, delays may be dangerous.

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

WILL be given to any person who will deliver to me in *Mecklenburg* county, or three hundred if secured in any county jail, so that I get him, CONWAY, a likely negro fellow, about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, well made, and very active; he is a fellow pretty well known in *Petersburg*, where I expect he is now kept concealed by some of his old acquaintances, or perhaps has engaged to work with a blacksmith, as that is his trade, and so pass as a freeman; he can read and write, though not well, and was formerly the property of *Andrew Johnston*. (4§) RICHARD SWEPSON.

STRAYED out of Mr. *Jones's* pasture, near *Petersburg*, some time last *November*, a young sorrel mare, about 4 feet 9 inches high, has a long mane and tail, no brand that I recollect. Whoever brings the said mare to the subscriber in *Petersburg*, shall receive 200 dollars reward, and more in proportion to their trouble. 2§ WILLIAM WRIGHT.

TO BE SOLD,

A THREE years lease of the houses lately occupied by Mr. *Seabrook*, in the town of *Richmond*. They consist of a dwelling-house, store, large lumber and other outhouses in good repair; with gardens, and yards under a good fence and palings. Any person who wish to [illegible], may know the terms by applying to Mr. [illegible] in *Richmond*, or to the subscriber in *Willi*[illegible]

(2) JOHN STEWART.

FOR SALE,

ONE thousand acres of good tobacco land, in the county of *Mecklenburg*, on the branches of *Blue stone* creek. For terms apply to the subscriber living near the premises. (4) JOHN MURRAY.

To be SOLD, on Monday *the* 27th *of* March *next, pursuant to an act of Assembly concerning escheats and forfeitures from* British *subjects,*

ONE thousand acres of land situated on *Chesapeake* bay, in the county of *Lancaster*. Also forty nine negro slaves, a large stock of cattle, sheep, &c. and plantation utensils. Being late the property of *Robert Bristow*, Esq; *of Great Britain*: The sale to begin at 12 o'clock, and continue till all are sold.

JOHN TAYLOR, Sheriff.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder, on the premises, on Thursday *the* 9th *of* March,

FIVE negroes, the dwelling-houses and tobacco warehouses in the town of *Blandford*, late the property of *Mr. Robert Boyd*, deceased. Six months credit will be allowed the purchasers, on their giving bond and approved security, to

(†) THE EXECUTORS.

FOR sale, 1348 acres of fine land in *Fredyrick*, adjoining *Barry's* ferry on *Shenandoah*, part of which is fine low grounds, 4 or 500 acres cleared, fenced, and in order for farming. Also 1000 acres of fine grain and tobacco land, in *Fauquier*, 23 miles below the *Shenandoah*, which I purchased of Colonel *Thomas Marshall*, part of which is cleared and in order for farming. I have also for sale, 800 acres of land in *Hanover*, 20 miles from *Richmond* (called *Thacker's* tract) it is finely timbered, with large pine and oak, very level and good grain land. For terms apply to the subscriber in *Gloucester*. I would exchange for lands below. 3 NATHANIEL L. SAVAGE.

FOR sale, the noted horse PARTNER, in high perfection. For terms, apply to the subscriber near *Swan's Point*, in *Surry* county.

(2) JOHN M. COCKE.

PETERSBURG, *Feb.* 15, 1780.

TO be SOLD for ready money or tobacco, a valuable tract of LAND, on *Nottoway* river, in *Sussex* county, containing about 2071 acres. For terms apply to (†) DONALD & FRENCH.

☞ As the copartnership of *Donald* and *French* expires the first of *March*, all persons who have any demands against them, are required to apply to *Mr. John Marchie*, merchant *Manchester*, or to *Mr. James Young* in this place, for payment.

FOR SALE,

THE noted horse INDEPENDENCE, a fine sorrel, 6 years old last spring, was raised by Mr. *John Hickman* of *King William* county, and got by *Old Fearnought*, his dam by *Lewsdale*, his grandam by *Silvereye*, his great grandam Col. *Charles Harrison* affirms was a full blooded mare.

(2§) EDMUND HAWKINS.

HANOVER county, *Feb.* 22.

CHARLES CITY county, *Feb.* 19, 1780.

FOR sale, a beautiful high bred horse, belonging to the estate of *James Bray Johnson*, rising three years old. He was got by Col. *Baylor's* old horse *Fearnought*, out of a full blooded mare. His pedigree may be seen (properly authenticated) by applying to me. All persons having demands against the said estate, are desired to make them known immediately, that provision may be made for payment. I will sell or exchange for negroes a valuable little farm, full of exceeding good timber and fire wood, within 4 or 6 miles of *Williamsburg*. For terms apply to Mr *Robert Anderson*, who will show the land to any person inclinable to purchase. 3 JOHN TYLER.

To be SOLD by the executor of Mecklenburg, &c.

Monday *the* 20th *of* March *next,*

A TRACT of land containing 223 acres, lying about two miles from [illegible]'s ferry, on *Meherrin* river, on which is a dwelling-house, [illegible] and other necessary out buildings.

On *Wednesday* the 22nd will be sold, a tract lying on *Flat* creek, on which is a dwelling-house, and some out buildings. One other tract lying near the latter, on which is a dwelling-house, and some out buildings; the above being late the property of *Dinwiddie* and company.

On *Friday* the 24th will be sold, one other tract lying on *Roanoke* river, near *Taylor's* ferry, containing 224 acres, about fifty of which are low grounds on which is a dwelling-house, and some out buildings; an apple orchard which seldom fails of bearing fruit. Also one acre lying on the road that leads to said ferry, on which is a dwelling-house, and all necessary out buildings; this place is well situated for an ordinary. One other unimproved tract near the latter, containing 80 acres. The three last mentioned being late the property of *Andrew Johnston*, jun. Also an excellent cook wench, and a boy 12 years old, one cow and calf, a pair of tobacco scales, and twenty two fifths, one pair of small do. a few articles of household and kitchen furniture, being late the property of *Alexander Spier's* and company. The whole of the above being escheated and becomes vested in the commonwealth.

(†) JOHN MAURY. SAMUEL DEDMAN. } Comm.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, for ready money, on Monday *the* 20th *of* March *next, at the house of Mr.* Jeremiah Frankling, *near* Amherst *court-house,*

THE forfeited and escheated estate, of *John Hatter*, consisting of about 3000 acres of rich high land, to be laid off in lots not exceeding 400 acres, on which there is a good grist-mill; 30 likely negroes, some of whom are valuable tradesmen, fine stocks of horses, cattle, and hogs, the crop of tobacco, corn, and fodder, and plantation utensils, &c. Likewise the estate of *Walter King*, consisting of about 2000 acres of good tobacco land, to be laid off as above, 30 negroes, the stocks of horses, cattle, and hogs, the crop of tobacco, corn, and fodder, and plantation utensils, &c. MARTIN KEY. } Comm.

(4) HUGH ROSE. }

I HAVE for sale, in the county of [illegible] a tract of LAND, containing about 2000 acres, known by the name of *Mumford's* cove. The land is equal in quality to any on the continent. It lies within 200 miles of *Charlestown*, 80 of *Salisbury*, and 130 of *Croft* creek. A further description of the land would be needless, as no person would buy without first viewing the premises. For terms apply to me near *Halifax* town, *North Carolina*.

(9°) HENRY MONTFORT.

JOHNSTON county (*N. C.*) *Feb.* 2[illegible] 1780.

THE subscriber being about to remove to [illegible] county, has for sale, the well known plantation joining the town of *Smithfield*, containing 600 acres of land, lying on both sides of *Neuse* river, on which are all convenient houses, suitable for a tavern, [illegible] ferry, &c. together with an excellent saw and grist mill. Also seven lots in the said town, and [illegible] other plantations and tracts of land; in the whole about 10,000 acres; a parcel of household and kitchen furniture, and a large quantity of [illegible] apply to (6§) JO[illegible]

JOHNSTON county (*N. C.*) [illegible]

THE subscriber being about to [illegible] county, will barter for negroes, the plantation whereon he lives, containing 750 acres, lying on both sides of *Mill* creek (a branch of *Neuse* river) a valuable dwelling-house, and all [illegible] thereon. Also another plantation [illegible] acres of excellent wheat and [illegible] river, about 200 of which is [illegible] acres further. Sundry other tracts [illegible] acres; the whole of which is [illegible] for horses, cattle, and hogs, [illegible] Also about 200 head of [illegible] hogs, and a quantity of [illegible] given. (6§) THOMAS [illegible]

TO BE SOLD to the highest bidder, for ready money, on Tuesday the 14th of March next, at the plantation of Mr. Hardin Burnley, jun. near Hanover town, all the dark-coloured cattle, horses, hogs, and sheep, with the plantation utensils, and the crop of corn, fodder, and tobacco, late the property of the said Hardin Burnley; and on the day following will be sold on the premises, a very valuable tract of land called Beattie's neck, on the main road, about four miles above Hanover town, containing 625 acres, which will be laid off according to law, whereon are valuable improvements, with a plantation in good order for cropping, late the property of the said Hardin Burnley. Also will be sold at the last mentioned place and time, flocks of cattle, hogs, horses, and sheep, with the plantation utensils, and the crop of corn, fodder, and tobacco. The whole of these articles being duly escheated and now become vested in the commonwealth.

(1) JOHN LAWRENCE, } Com'rs.
AMBROSE LIPSCOMB, }

To be SOLD, or exchanged for negroes,

ABOUT six hundred and fifty acres of land (about twenty five of which would make good meadow) on Black creek, in New Kent county, fifteen from Richmond, fifteen from Hanover court-house, seven from Newcastle, ten from Cumberland, and about Colley's warehouse, and within two miles of two grist-mills on good streams. The above land is well watered and timbered, produces wall, and affords good pasturage. There is on it a house almost finished, with four rooms, three closets, and a passage below, and two rooms and a passage above, fourteen feet pitch, a yard and garden paled in, three apple orchards and a peach orchard. For terms apply to the subscriber on the premises

(2d) BENJAMIN LEWIS.

To be SOLD to the highest bidder, on Friday the 10th of March next,

A compleat plantation forge, with all its appurtenances and conveniences, together with about 400 acres of land, chiefly wood, and one hundred valuable buildings, all new. Also a number of valuable negroes, with horses, cattle, and waggons, a quantity of charcoal, ore, and limestone, and the furnace to blast immediately. Postbonds will be given on the day of sale, and three months credit for the purchase money, on giving bond with approved security. We presume no Gentleman will attend without first viewing the premises, which may be known by applying to George Rowley or William Rowley.

(4) JOHN BALLENDINE.
JOHN REVELEY.

All persons having any demands against the above estate, are desired to bring their accounts and vouchers, that payments may be made; and all indebted to the works, are required to pay their respective balances without further notice.

To be SOLD, to the highest bidder in Hanover town, on Friday the 10th of March next, and continue till all are sold,

A number of likely field negroes, with valuable implements, late the property of Donald, Ross, and company; one lot with improvements, late the property of Archibald Cowan, one fourth part of a lot, with valuable improvements, late the property of Alexander M'Aulay, and company; two unimproved lots, the property of James Kellop, and four unimproved lots, the property of John Johnston, and company; which lots and plans will be sold a credit of twelve months, reserving the said town of Hanover, containing 150 acres, whereon is a good dwelling house, store, kitchen, and other convenient houses, with conveniences in good order for cropping, late the property of Hardin Burnley, Junior. Also one other lot of very valuable land, containing 90 acres, adjoining the town of Newcastle, in the possession of Mr. Thomas Price, who has a lease for the same for three years to come, late the property of the said Hardin Burnley. Also 50 negroes, consisting of men, women, children, two boats, and some household furniture, late the property of Hardin Burnley, Junior, deceased. The whole of these articles being duly escheated, and now become vested in the commonwealth.

JOHN LAWRENCE, } Com'rs.
AMBROSE LIPSCOMB, }

WANTS EMPLOY,

A PERSON well qualified for teaching *English*, writing, and arithmetick, with mensuration, both in superficial and solid measures, and some branches of the mathematicks. He will take twenty or more scholars under his care, if suitable encouragement is offered. He would [illegible] a place near the head of some navigable ri[illegible] terms inquire of the printers hereof.

(1)

A GENTLEMAN of character and liberal education, who is willing to undertake the education of three young Gentlemen, to whom the subscriber is guardian, will meet with encouragement adequate to the importance of the charge he will undertake, by applying to him in *Prince George* county. His salary, in order to secure him from any ill effects arising from the depreciation of our currency, will be fixed in the commodities of the country, if agreeable to him. An immediate application is desired.

tf THEODORICK BLAND, Jun.

PETERSBURG, *February* 12, 1780.

ALL persons having demands against the subscriber, or Mr. *Ferdinando Leigh*, deceased, are desired to apply for payment.

(1) WILLIAM CLAIBORNE, Sen.

EDENTON (*North Carolina*) *Jan.* 17, 1780

THE copartnership of *Savage & Westmore* being expired, it is requested that all persons who have any claims against that concern, will send their accounts immediately in, that the same may be adjusted and paid; and all persons indebted to the same in the first, are requested to make payment within three months from this date to prevent their being sued, which will be extremely disagreeable to us.

W. SAVAGE.
(12f) JOSEPH WESTMORE.

TAKEN or drifted from *York* beach about two months ago, two ferry boats, one of which was almost new, with mulberry frames, had two oars in her, two fifty pound weights, and some old rope for a cable; the other a very good boat just new bottomed, with materials exactly with the above, they are both large horse boats. I will give 30l. for each to be informed where they are, and 100l. for each if delivered at this place. Likewise went adrift in *Hobjack* bay, the beginning of *January*, a long yawl, clinker built, with four oars in her, and a short piece of rope made fast to a ring-bolt, which she broke. I will give the same reward for her as the above.

THOMAS LILLY.

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

RUN away from the subscriber about *Christmas* last, a likely negro fellow named HARRY, about 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches high, well made; he lived last year at *Mercer* island, near *Barrett's* ferry, and is probably lurking in that neighbourhood, as he was seen in *Charles City* not long since. I will give ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, and reasonable travelling expenses, to any person that will deliver the said negro to *William Butler* living near *Pennington's* ford, in *Brunswick* county; or FIFTY POUNDS for securing him so that I get him again.

BURWELL STARKE.

RUN away from the subscriber in *Hanover* county, near *Richmond*, sometime in *May*, 1779, a very likely black negro wench, named PATT, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, and of a smiling countenance. She has a mother living in *Williamsburg*, and I have reason to believe is harboured there, or at the barracks in *Albemarle*.—On the 10th of *December* last, was stolen out of my stable, a dark bay mare, 11 years old, 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, a small star in her forehead, a little white about one of her hind feet, hanging mane, docked, no brand, and paces and gallops. I will give five hundred dollars for delivering the wench to me, or half that sum for committing her to jail; and one hundred dollars for bringing home the mare, or such intelligence that I get her again, and on conviction of the thief, one hundred pounds.

(1) SUSANNAH WILLIAMSON.

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

THE subscriber's still-house was broke open on *Monday* night the 31st of *January*, out of it was stolen, a pewter worm belonging to a still that holds 63 gallons, the top or cap of the said still, and the cap belonging to a still that contains 33 gallons. To any person that will give such information that I may recover the above articles, the reward shall be paid; or a proportion for any part of them; and ONE THOUSAND POUNDS more will be given on conviction of the robbers.

(4f) THOMAS M. RANDOLPH.
GOOCHLAND, *Feb.* 12, 1780.

THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD.

STOLEN out of the subscriber's pasture at *Dover*, in *Goochland* county, in the night of the 2nd of *January* last, a large handsome blooded sorrel mare, with a white face, one hind foot white, a long mane and tail, no brand that I recollect, and is very heavy with foal. Several suspicious persons who moved out of this county and the upper end of *Hanover* last fall (and are now living in the neighbouring counties) were seen near the plantation the day before the mare was stolen. I will pay ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS to any person that will deliver me the mare, and a farther reward of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS on conviction of the thief, provided he is prosecuted. THOMAS M. RANDOLPH.

N. B. There has been twenty valuable horses and mares stolen out of the neighbourhood within a few months past. (4f)

STOLEN from the subscriber, in the night of the 30th of *October* last, a bay mare, 8 years old last spring, about 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, trots fine and well, but brags her hind feet when rode, has a long neck and head, is very apt to catch at her bridle bit when rode with a curb, has, I think, a small white spot on her near thigh, with remarkable small legs and feet, and a feather, or curl on each side her neck. I have just cause to suspect a certain Elias *Wade* or *Wades*, who says his father lives in *Hanover* county, to have stolen the said mare. Whoever will deliver the said mare to me in *Southampton* county, about 20 miles from *South Quay*, or give me such intelligence that I get her again, shall receive a reward of one hundred pounds, and one hundred and fifty pounds for the thief, if convicted,

(2f) LEWIS VICK.

N. B. At the same time and place was stolen, a bay horse, which I have got again. He was changed in *Lunenburg* by the said *Wade* or *Wades*.

COMMITTED to the jail of *Charlotte* county, about *September* last, a negro man named BILLY, who says he belongs to one *Reynolds* or *Tarlton*, or some such name. He is an *African*, speaks but *English*, and remarkable for making baskets, is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high. The owner is desired to pay charges and take him away.

(3f) ROBERT RAKESTRAW, Jailor.

TAKEN up in *Dinwiddie*, a dark iron grey horse, five years old next spring, branded on the near buttock O. Posted and appraised to 150l.

(2f) MARTIN FARRALL.

TAKEN up in *Pittsylvania* county, on *Dan* river, a grey mare, 2 years old last spring, branded on the near shoulder R B, a star in her forehead, 3 feet 3 inches high, and has a long tail. Appraised to 25l.

(2f) JOHN OWEN.

TAKEN up in *Charlotte*, a light gray horse, about 4 feet 8 inches high, a long tail and mane, both of which are dark, appears to be 6 or 7 years old, and branded on the near shoulder I. C. Appraised to 450l.

(1) JAMES CUNINGHAM.

TAKEN up in *Prince Edward* near the head of *Spring* creek, a red bull, of a middle size, about 4 years old, marked with a crop in the right ear, and a swallow fork in the left.——Also a heifer, of a brownish colour, with white back and belly, marked with an overkeel in the right ear, and a crop and slit in the left, the slit almost grown up. Appraised to 30l. each.

(1) SAMUEL CUNNINGHAM.